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The Hospitality Industry -- An Important Part of Maine's Economy

The hospitality industry, defined here as eating and drinking places and lodging places, has contributed significantly to the demand for labor in Maine, and will continue to do so in the future. Between 1958 and 1988, Maine nonfarm employment increased by 96 percent. During the same time span, employment in Maine's hospitality industry increased by 361 percent, or at a rate almost four times that of total nonfarm employment. The rate of employment growth in the hospitality industry exceeded gains recorded by both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors.

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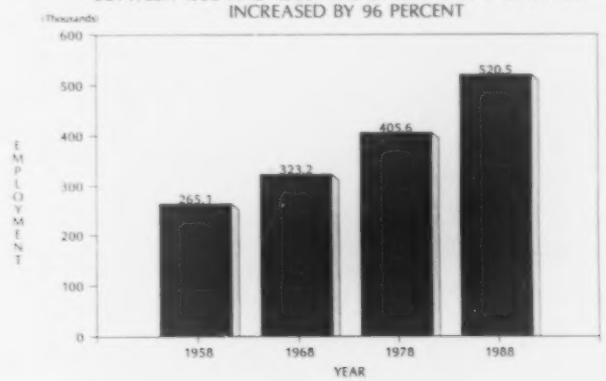
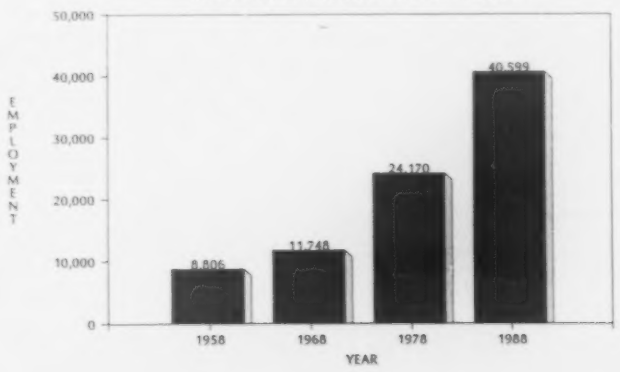


OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY INCREASED BY 361 PERCENT



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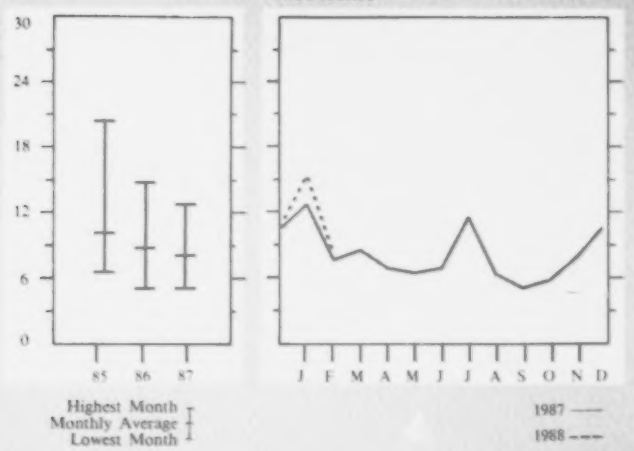

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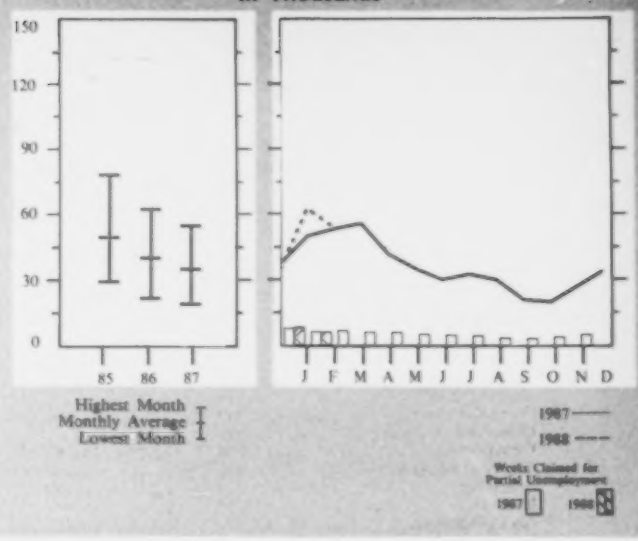

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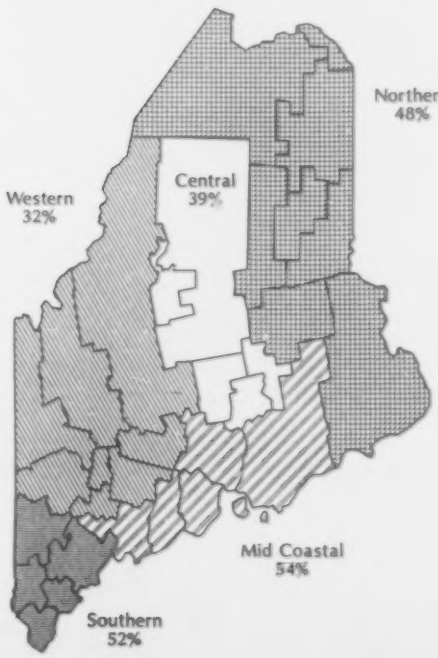
A geographical analysis of employment growth in the hospitality industry shows the strongest gains in the mid-coastal and southern areas of the state, with increases of 54 and 52 percent, respectively, between 1981 and 1987. The northern area of the state recorded an employment gain of 48 percent. The western and central areas of the state recorded the lowest rates of growth with increases of 32 and 39 percent, respectively.

Maine's hospitality industry is seasonal in nature. During 1988 employment in this industry rose almost 20,000 between January and August. See the related graph on page 6.

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, 1981 TO 1987



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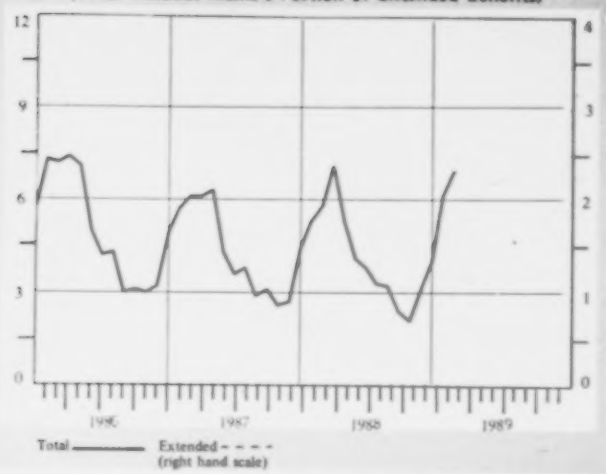
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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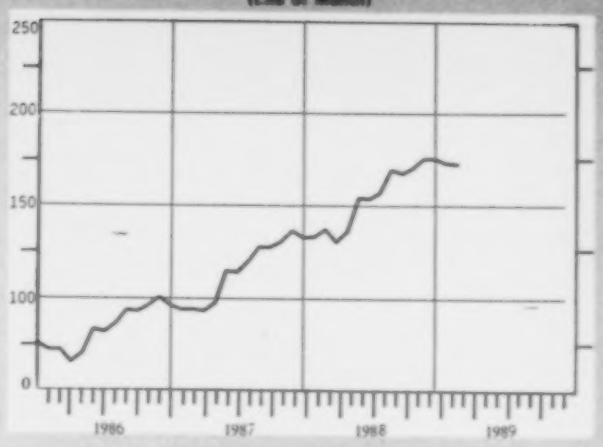
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	515.5	515.2	500.3	128.3	128.6	122.8	40.4	40.6	39.9
Total Manufacturing	108.1	109.3	107.3	17.6	17.8	17.0	9.9	9.8	10.4
Durable Goods	51.3	51.9	49.2	8.5	8.6	8.2	2.8	2.8	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products	13.4	13.6	13.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.6	10.9	10.9	3.6	3.7	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	14.3	14.3	12.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	5.0	4.6	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	56.8	57.4	58.1	9.1	9.2	8.8	7.1	7.0	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	7.0	7.2	7.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.3	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.0	3.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.9	17.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.2	12.4	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.4	10.6	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.1	1.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	407.4	405.9	393.0	110.7	110.8	105.8	30.5	30.8	29.5
Construction and Mining	30.6	32.0	28.2	8.1	8.3	8.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	10.6	11.1	10.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	14.7	15.3	13.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.2	20.0	5.0	5.0	5.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.5	24.3	10.3	10.3	9.9	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	96.8	99.0	95.6	28.0	28.8	26.5	8.1	8.3	7.6
Food Stores	18.0	18.3	17.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	27.8	28.4	27.1	7.5	7.6	7.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
Services	112.9	112.0	107.2	30.8	30.6	28.3	10.4	10.5	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	5.9	5.9	5.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	13.7	13.8	12.4	4.9	4.9	5.0	1.0	1.1	0.9
Health Services	42.7	42.5	41.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
Federal Government	18.8	18.9	18.5	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	76.4	71.8	74.5	14.6	14.0	13.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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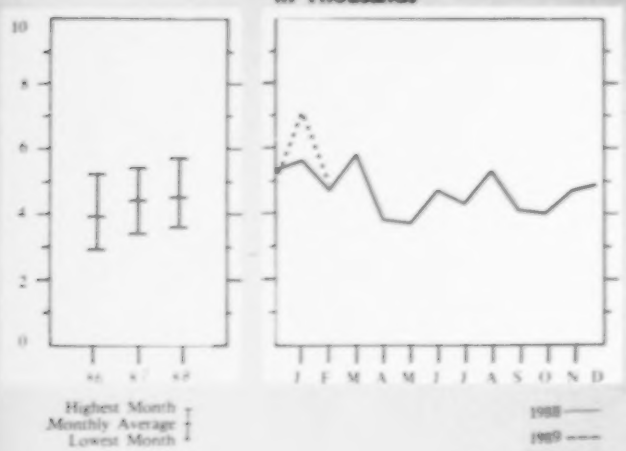
New Applications For Work

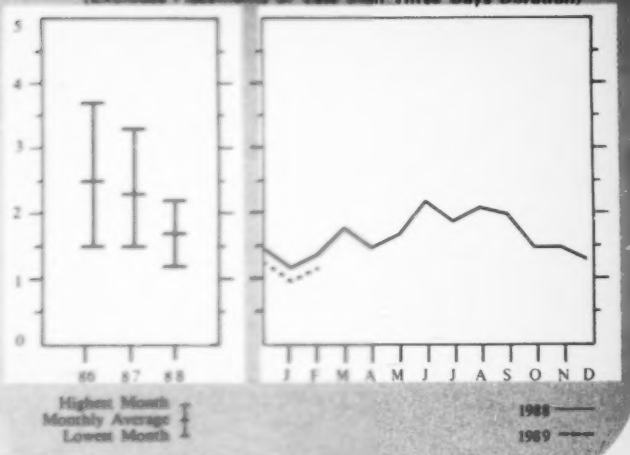
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$389.54	$391.55	$370.64	40.2	40.2	41.0	$9.69	$9.74	$9.04	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	382.99	386.78	374.11	40.4	40.8	43.1	9.48	9.48	8.68	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	356.21	367.34	346.04	39.8	40.5	41.0	8.95	9.07	8.44	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	391.00	404.10	391.61	43.3	45.1	44.2	9.03	8.96	8.86	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	483.39	473.57	446.99	44.8	45.8	49.5	10.79	10.34	9.03	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	326.34	332.72	338.66	37.0	37.3	41.0	8.82	8.92	8.26	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	410.76	410.94	399.64	41.2	41.3	42.8	9.97	9.95	8.87	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	396.59	396.60	365.27	40.1	39.7	38.9	9.89	9.99	9.39	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	294.89	285.38	251.69	38.1	37.6	35.3	7.74	7.59	7.13	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	325.98	318.38	283.50	41.9	40.2	37.8	7.78	7.92	7.50	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	243.63	228.33	207.74	36.2	34.7	34.0	6.73	6.58	6.11	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	636.23	648.11	605.22	44.9	44.3	44.6	14.17	14.63	13.57	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	252.34	243.38	236.60	37.0	37.1	36.4	6.82	6.56	6.50	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	319.59	320.17	315.00	36.4	37.1	37.5	8.78	8.63	8.40	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	412.23	425.57	377.85	39.0	40.3	39.9	10.57	10.56	9.47	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	326.36	324.32	304.98	39.8	39.6	39.0	8.20	8.19	7.82	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	279.0	290.7	269.6
Unemployed	15.3	15.1	13.4
(Percent)	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%
Resident Employed	263.6	275.7	256.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	121.6	121.1	116.0	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+0.9
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.8

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	594.0	596.3	576.6	566.5	568.7	548.8	27.5	27.6	27.8	4.6	4.6	4.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,700	44,600	43,500	44,100	43,000	41,800	1,600	1,600	1,700	3.5	3.6	3.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,100	42,700	41,500	39,800	40,300	39,400	2,300	2,400	2,100	5.5	5.6	5.1
Portland MSA	128,600	129,200	122,800	125,400	126,200	119,800	3,200	3,000	3,000	2.5	2.3	2.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	130,000	127,600	n/a	126,900	124,400	n/a	3,100	3,200	n/a	2.4	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,210	34,260	33,110	32,780	32,940	31,490	1,430	1,320	1,620	4.2	3.9	4.9
Bath-Brunswick	29,050	28,990	27,490	28,140	28,150	26,510	910	840	980	3.1	2.9	3.6
Belfast	11,110	11,120	11,180	9,940	10,010	10,080	1,170	1,110	1,100	10.5	10.0	9.8
Biddeford	27,230	27,310	26,080	26,180	26,370	25,110	1,050	940	970	3.9	3.4	3.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	12,910	13,120	12,390	12,320	12,390	11,860	580	730	530	4.5	5.6	4.3
Calais-Eastport	13,860	13,840	13,260	12,380	12,490	11,850	1,480	1,350	1,410	10.7	9.8	10.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,600	20,640	20,400	19,090	19,030	18,700	1,510	1,610	1,700	7.3	7.8	8.3
Central Penobscot	3,090	3,120	2,820	2,920	2,920	2,650	170	200	170	5.5	6.4	6.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,100	7,230	6,930	6,690	6,790	6,470	410	440	460	5.8	6.1	6.6
Ellsworth	21,670	22,020	21,380	20,010	20,320	19,680	1,660	1,700	1,700	7.7	7.7	8.0
Farmington	12,990	12,520	13,160	12,360	12,010	12,540	630	510	620	4.8	4.1	4.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,290	5,220	5,240	4,990	4,980	4,870	300	240	370	5.7	4.6	7.1
Greenville	1,430	1,530	1,350	1,360	1,400	1,280	70	130	70	4.9	8.5	5.2
Houlton	6,030	6,130	5,820	5,760	5,860	5,530	270	270	290	4.5	4.4	5.0
Kittery-York 3/	29,800	30,080	28,780	29,180	29,520	28,100	620	560	680	2.1	1.9	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,270	5,220	5,230	5,000	5,000	4,950	270	220	280	5.1	4.2	5.4
Livermore Falls	3,950	4,080	4,010	3,660	3,810	3,690	290	270	320	7.3	6.6	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,650	3,620	3,540	3,350	3,330	3,150	300	290	390	8.2	8.0	11.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,060	4,100	4,050	3,840	3,890	3,810	220	210	240	5.4	5.1	5.9
Norway-Paris	11,720	11,790	11,610	10,900	11,040	11,010	820	750	600	7.0	6.4	5.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,390	2,460	2,360	2,230	2,250	2,200	160	210	160	6.7	8.5	6.8
Rockland	17,290	17,820	17,470	16,540	16,760	16,460	750	1,060	1,010	4.3	5.9	5.8
Rumford	8,380	8,390	8,460	7,760	7,780	7,840	620	610	620	7.4	7.3	7.3
Sanford	16,180	16,090	16,090	15,290	15,190	15,370	890	900	720	5.5	5.6	4.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,820	11,920	11,250	11,380	11,470	10,860	440	450	390	3.7	3.8	3.5
Skowhegan	21,340	21,510	21,240	19,790	19,880	19,620	1,550	1,630	1,620	7.3	7.6	7.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,040	11,180	10,540	10,310	10,390	9,710	730	790	830	6.6	7.1	7.9
Waterville	24,170	24,400	23,630	23,020	23,150	22,460	1,150	1,250	1,170	4.8	5.1	5.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,677.3	1,689.9	n/a	1,615.5	1,634.0	n/a	61.8	55.9	n/a	3.7	3.3
Massachusetts	3,162.0	3,139.0	3,098.0	3,038.0	3,020.0	2,981.7	124.0	119.0	116.3	3.9	3.8	3.8
New Hampshire	n/a	614.4	587.5	n/a	596.9	571.9	n/a	17.6	15.6	n/a	2.9	2.7
Rhode Island	527.6	525.0	508.8	508.3	508.2	491.4	19.3	16.8	17.4	3.7	3.2	3.4
Vermont	303.8	304.1	290.6	293.2	294.2	280.7	10.6	9.9	9.9	3.5	3.3	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,856.1	6,751.4	n/a	6,603.5	6,508.5	n/a	252.7	242.9	n/a	3.7	3.6
UNITED STATES 4/	121,906	122,095	119,942	115,023	114,786	112,460	6,883	7,309	7,482	5.6	6.0	6.2

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current month figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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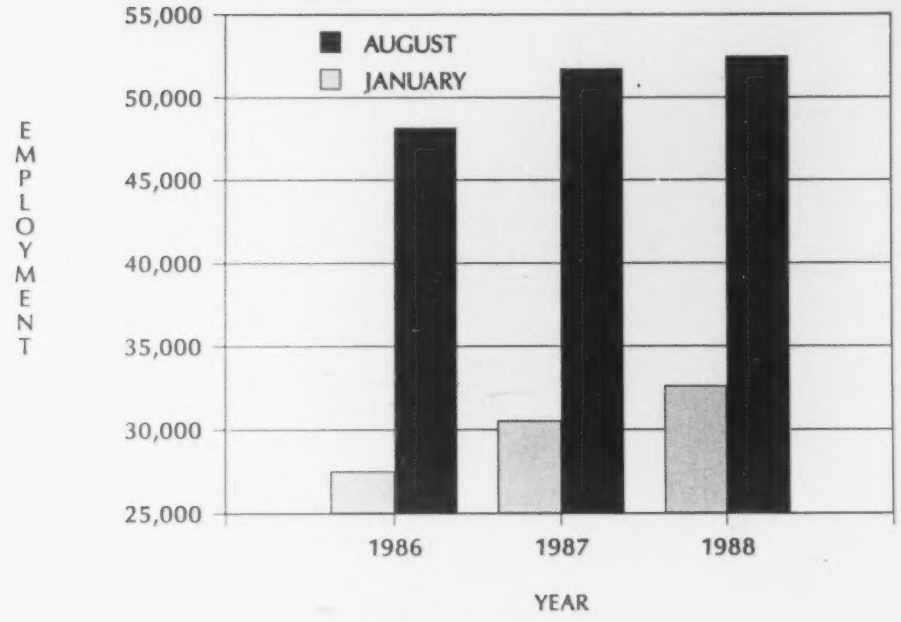
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	11,515	11,494	10,138	1,221	1,105	1,075	1,061	1,109	841

* Data for week including the 12th of the month. Continued-week claimants are less partials.

EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY INCREASES OVER 60 PERCENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST



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